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TAGS:CASC (DAVIS, JOHN W.)

SUBJECT: WELFARE OF JOHN W. DAVIS AND FAMILY

REFS: A) STATE 094455, B) STATE 097102, C) BRASILIA 3433

1. DEPARTMENT INFORMED BY DAVIS FAMILY RELATIVES IN US THAT UNARMED PARTY OF FOUR -- DAN DAVIS (AMCIT SON), JAN CARPENTER (AMCIT MISSIONARY) AND TWO BRAZILIANS, NOT IDENTIFIED -- WAS AMBUSHED AND SUSTAINED INJURIES ON MAY 1 WHILE ATTEMPTING CLEAR AREA OF DAVIS PROPERTY. ACCORDING TO RELATIVES, WHO SPOKE BY PHONE TO BELEM WITH A DAUGHTER OF SENIOR DAVIS, DAN DAVIS RECEIVED HEAD INJURY, CARPENTER WOUNDED IN BACK, ONE OF THE BRAZILIANS SHOT SEVEN TIMES AND IN CRITICAL CONDITION. AS FAR AS DEPARTMENT ABLE TO DETERMINE, AMBUSHED PARTY HAS NO IDEA AS TO IDENTITY OF ATTACKERS. RELATIVES TOLD US SENIOR DAVIS ALREADY IN TOUCH WITH EMBASSY.

2. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE UPDATE ON SITUATION, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF MOUNTING CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES ABOUT WELFARE OF DAVIS FAMILY, AS WELL AS DIRECT INQUIRIES FROM RELATIVES.

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3. IF DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION ABOUT INCIDENT SUBSTANTIALLY
CORRECT, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED, AT ITS DISCRETION, TO

AGAIN MAKE REPRESENTATION TO GOB AUTHORITIES IN
BRASILIA USING AS BASIS THIS LATEST, DISTURBING INCIDENT
INVOLVING ATTACKS ON AMCITS, AND BRAZILIANS WORKING WITH
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